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REPUBLICAN MASS CONVENTION

A Mass Convention of the Republican voters of Highland county, Ohio, will be held at the Court House at Hillsborough, Ohio, on

Saturday, August 21st, 1886.

At two o'clock p. m., to select seven (7) delegates to the Republican State Convention to be held at Columbus on the 25th day of August, 1886.

HENRY A. PAVEY,
Acting Chairman Rep. Ex. Com.

2,088! What a vast circulation our contemporary has! You will please take notice that the foreman swears to the number issued, and not to the number circulated and paid for at the rate of \$1.50 per year. Old papers will be for sale cheap at the Gazette office for the next five years.

A. M. Kelly, who was appointed successively Minister to Italy and Austria, and came back home at the request of each country is now to be sent to Egypt in a judicial capacity. Why is Kelly, of motor fame not favored with an office? His ability as a monkeyjack ought to recommend him to the administration for a foreign appointment.

Ditney is just the man to testify about the good moral character of Highland's teachers. Many of his henchmen are teachers, who receive office or boodle as the reward of their diligence. The better class of teachers have too much self-respect to be dominated over by the unprincipled Gazette ring. About this time last year the News had occasion to single out and comment upon the character of some of Ditney's bums and to make an expose of his electioneering methods. This was done, even though the parties assailed threatened to convert the office into a butcher-shop on account of it. Were there any teachers in that holy crowd that recently held a primary Democratic Convention in a Greenfield saloon?

The Primary Election held in this county on Saturday last was ordered by the executive Committee in pursuance of authority to do so, directly conferred by the Bally Law, and it was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Law. This statute is contained in sections 2916 to 2921 inclusive of the Revised Statutes of 1880 and the recent amendments to Sec's 2917 and 2919 on pages 190 and 191 of Ohio Laws of 1886.

A Primary Election under this law to select candidates for the county ticket was held in this county about 14 years ago, the candidates being voted for directly.

The primary system is not so well adapted to the selection of candidates for a county ticket, but is peculiarly well adapted to the selection of delegates to a Congressional District Convention for the reason that it results in sending to such convention an instructed delegation, instructed by a majority of the people. The ordinary method of securing an instructed delegation to such a convention is as follows: The executive committee calls a mass convention and invites all the members of the party to attend. Some politician makes out a list of names and the crowd present votes for the slate. A resolution is then put through instructing such delegation to support a certain candidate, and we have a delegation in most cases of this kind chosen and instructed by the politicians living at the county-seat, who are sure to be in the majority at the mass convention.

This year the Executive Committee relegated the whole matter to the people so that the delegation chosen might be one instructed by a majority of the Republicans in the whole county.

It was then supposed that we had two candidates, Pugsley and Hart, both were well known to the people of the county and it seemed perfectly fair to submit their respective claims to the Republican voters of the whole county. Gov. Hart was a member of the committee, both he and Mr. Pugsley, who were present at the meeting of the Committee at which the Primary was ordered, admitted that the method adopted was as fair to one candidate as the other.

The people were not limited either to candidates in the county, they could vote for whomever they chose. If there was no unfairness in the method what rational objection can be urged against it?

It is admitted there was no unfairness and the large vote shows that the people were satisfied to have the matter left wholly to their decision.

Something New.
Dr. D. S. Guthrie's new drug store is now open and ready for business. A large and elegant supply of drugs, paints, oils, fancy goods, jewelry, silver-ware, cutlery, queensware, notions and numerous other goods of both use and ornament are always kept in stock, at prices as low as the lowest. Also the best five and two for five cent cigars in the county. Try them. Remember the place, the blue front drug store, No. 17, N. High street, Hillsboro, Ohio.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. J. M. Foust, of Clay Township, authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the decision of Republican Primary Convention.

His name is Denver and his name is Dennis.

Even apologies are better than trying to get out of a dilemma by calling other people names, after the Gazette's style. How many articles are there on the tariff list, and who introduced the Sally Ann Bradley bill?

Will the smart young local editor of the Gazette, who considers beer-drinking a "pleasure" and pool-playing a "pastime," please place his bejeweled finger on the paragraph of any issue of the News-Herald that contains an apology to any body for anything?

New York physicians have declared that the use of dark-colored chewing-gum is positively injurious to health. And so we must bid adieu to black-jack, the last lingering memento of General Logan's campaign. The question now agitating us is, is life worth living?

We have no desire to abuse General Denver, Democratic candidate for Congress in this district. He measures six feet five inches in his socks and weighs two hundred and fifty pounds. There will be a life-size imitation of the crack of doom when he gets knocked out.

It Was Correct.

Notwithstanding the breezy proceedings of the Teachers' Institute, and the malignant tirade of the Gazette's reporter and editors, the News-Herald is still doing business at the old stand.

Not a paper has been stopped and no one has threatened to stop his paper on account of the article published last week. The statements of the Gazette reporter in this regard are utterly false. Neither was the editor of this paper guilty of saying that he "didn't care a d—n if all the teachers stopped their subscriptions." The teacher who reported that expression and the one who stated that he had stopped his paper were liars and such men have no right to certificates. The man who is said to have made the accusation is known. The person to whom he attributed it is Hugh S. McNicol, one of the editors of this paper. It is sufficient to say that the editor has not conversed with the man nor talked in his presence within the last three months.

Last Wednesday morning we were waited upon by Messrs. Gaymon, Ferguson and Blair, of the H. C. T. I., who came representing the H. C. T. I., as an investigating committee, and bearing all its dignity and indignation. We mean no disrespect to these gentlemen. They talked very much more nicely to us here than they did about us in the College Chapel.

The investigation was very brief. We here reiterate what we told the committee—that we agree in the main with the expressions of the farmer. The expression that the teachers of the county were, as a rule, a tough set seems to have been the most jagged bone in the Institute's throat. It was construed in every imaginable way. We heard that all of the teachers, two-thirds of them, three-fourths and so on, were accused by the News-Herald of being thugs. Were we to use such language we should mean a majority. A majority makes a rule, and we believe a majority of the teachers in this county are guilty of conduct that disgraces the profession, and should disqualify them to hold certificates.

We are not the only persons who hold this belief, nor are we the first to express it. There are armies of farmers whose opinion would not differ widely from the one who gave vent to his indignation in the News-Herald's sanctum. The state of affairs in the county is a matter of public notoriety, and the Institute cannot silence the current opinion by passing resolutions against this paper. Since the appearance of the News-Herald last week we have had abundance of unsolicited testimony to the truth of the farmer's observations. We have not spoken to a single teacher on the subject who has not admitted the existence of a greater or less number of bad characters among the members of the profession. The teacher who knows such to be the case and fails to report the offenders to the examiners is a coward. He becomes a party to the disgrace when he shields others in it. If he had the proper desire to rid the profession of the rascals that form a part of it, he would aid the examiners in detecting them, rather than join in condemning a paper that has stamina enough to expose rottenness.

We have no desire to cast discredit upon the worthy teachers of Highland county. We consider them gentlemen. They honor the profession, and it is our high ideal of what a teacher should be that causes us to hold the hypocritical scamp in such contempt. Nevertheless, the good teachers are in the minority in spite of their protests. We do not apologize to them for we have said nothing to offend them. If they try on some other person's shoes that fail to fit they have no right to berate the shoemaker.

Knowing the private opinion of many teachers we were a good deal surprised to learn that the vote to adopt the code of resolutions was almost unanimous. We were amazed to know that they voted one way and talked another. But the strong vote is also in favor of the second resolution which binds the Institute to a duty which will be very unpleasant to many teachers. If every teacher in Highland county were to report all the cases of madame-mor among his fellow teachers to the examiners today, and the examiners were to "cut off the heads" of those convicted, there would be an army of decapitated criminals, enough to shock a soldier.

Not very many eyes have been opened by the News-Herald's "scurrilous" publication. The people all over the county

have found out the secret meanness of many teachers. Teachers know it of each other. Frequenters of saloons have assured us since last Wednesday that many of their companions at the pool-table and the bar were wielders of the birch. We believe that the respectable teachers, who were so venomous in their denunciations of the News-Herald, agreed with us in placing the standard of moral excellence very high for their profession. We hold that

No man who frequents saloons has a right to a certificate.

No man who plays pool or shakes dice or engages in like practices should be allowed a certificate.

No man who bets on horse races or indulges in any form of gambling, should be allowed to enter the school-room as an instructor.

No man who obtains his certificate by assistance from friends or books or by other unfair means should be allowed to teach school or should claim the honor and dignity that attend the profession.

No man who smokes or chews is a thoroughly proper instructor for the young. His example teaches them to think lightly of bad habits, and is very injurious.

The last two requirements meet with frantic objections from many teachers. We have been told that there is no harm in obtaining assistance on examination day. We regard cheating as an offense scarcely more pardonable than frequenting saloons. The teacher who obtains his certificate by cheating the examiners is guilty of embezzlement and obtains his wages by fraud. And yet, thieves and embezzlers are not a tough set? Smoking is not a crime but it is a very improper thing for a teacher to indulge in. Charges even more definite and damaging than those of the farmer may be and have been made. One teacher assures us that 100 per cent. cheat under examination and that two-thirds of the teachers drink. Another estimates the number of those who cheat at two-thirds or three-fourths.

At the election of officers in the H. C. T. I., a few years ago, the ballot-box was stuffed exceedingly full, and the election had to be declared off. A great number of votes were polled above the number of teachers present. Next year a regular primary election was held and a slate ticket nominated in order to prevent a recurrence of the disgrace. A prominent instructor who characterized the editors of this paper as a "pack of dogs snarling at the heels of the profession" made some scurrilous remarks on another occasion about the "set of fellows who come up to the Institute at the last part of the session to run the election." That "set of fellows" is in the majority, or it could not run the election.

From all quarters we have received commendation for our course in this matter. Even teachers have admitted that the publication of such charges would have a good effect. Many insist that a majority of their number are not guilty as charged, but such, when closely questioned, admit that their knowledge in that line is very limited. Men have stopped us on the street to express their satisfaction and to say that their observation agreed with that of the farmer interviewed. A teacher tells us that this subject has been discussed at every convention of teachers during the last few years. Then, if the teachers discuss it they must admit its existence, and why do they object to our publication of the facts? Do they expect to keep the matter an Institute secret?

In a speech at New Petersburg Prof. Ferguson stated that two-thirds of the teachers were accused of visiting saloons. Then why should he be so startled by an expression not quite so strong? It seems that it is all right for Professor Ferguson and other teachers to use such language, but when the News-Herald publishes it, there must be an indignation meeting and a committee appointed to investigate us! In a speech at the Institute referring to the ballot-box stuffing, Professor Ferguson hoped that he might never see such disgraceful proceedings again on the floor of the Institute as his eyes had witnessed in years gone by. And so does the News-Herald! We want to see the profession purged of the base material that now forms so large a part of it. We do not publish this simply to cast a slur on the teachers, but to set on foot a reformatory movement which the teachers themselves are too cowardly to inaugurate. Calling us dogs, liars, thieves or any other pleasant epithet is a poor way to discredit our statements.

It has been suggested by a wag that the question be put to a vote in the Institute, whether or not the News-Herald should be requested to publish the names of those who visited saloons, were known to gamble, cheat, swear, smoke, etc. We have been told that the guilty cheered loudest and longest when the resolutions were passed and the vote suggested might be of use to ascertain how much indignation arose from a sense of conviction and a feeling of revenge and how much from a feeling of resentment. To substantiate the charges beyond a possibility of a doubt would require a force of reporters as large and well-drilled as the Pinkerton detective force, but it can be done. And the present editors of this paper might be able to furnish a fair share of affidavits.

The last resort in the attempt to discredit the article was to state that the committee of investigation did not believe any farmer had ever been interviewed. We do not take the liberty of giving that farmer's name because he was talking on general topics and did not have the slightest idea that what he said was to be published. We did not tell the Gazette reporter that the farmer was a foul-mouthed, characterless wretch, for he is not. His arraignment of the Board of Examiners was so severe and his charges against the teachers were so explicit and cringing that we omitted that part of the interview, not caring

to endorse it. What we published we believe to be true.

The teachers will very rapidly part with the notion that that farmer is one lonely exception among other observers. One of the oldest school teachers in the county remarked in our presence that in proportion to their numbers there was no class of men in the county that contained a larger per cent. of bad men. Neither did he intend his expression for publication, but there it is.

Every method of argument from persuasion that the matter had gone far enough to threaten that the teachers would "do us lots of dirt if we didn't stop" has been tried, to make us apologize and keep quiet in this issue. We feel that we are in the right and no fear of consequences shall restrain us in the prosecution of our design.

If the respectable teachers will stand by their resolution and report every case of misconduct that comes under their observation to the examiners, there will be no cause for such scurrilous arraignments as that of the farmer in the future, and the News-Herald will willingly bear the everlasting enmity of a host of exclusive teachers who profess to be so. We shall have been purged of their disgraceful membership. We are content to endure the red hot condemnation of an Institute when at the same time it passes a resolution that will fatally smite the evil we earnestly condemn.

GREENFIELD.

August 14th, 1886.

The stone work on Mr. T. M. Elliott's new hotel is progressing rapidly.

Some malicious person poisoned Mr. James Love's bird dog last Wednesday.

Mr. Leslie Limes and sister, of this vicinity, visited friends at Hillsboro last Friday.

The boy preacher occupied the Baptist pulpit in this place last Tuesday at 4 o'clock.

The Greenfield brass band has been engaged to furnish music for the Blacksmith Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Haines are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Mitchell, at Chillicothe.

Quite a large crowd of persons from town and vicinity attended the Chillicothe Fair last Saturday.

A great many persons in this locality are complaining of very sore throats and bad coughs.

Fred Powell, who went to Kansas about three months ago, returned here the forepart of last week.

Mr. Charles Squires little son Clifford, who has been very sick for some time past with fever, has about recovered.

The Greenfield Alumni will hold a meeting on next Thursday evening, when arrangements will be made for an entertainment.

The prohibitionists of this locality held a meeting at the council chamber last Saturday.

Only a small attendance.

Miss Annie Weisheimer is yet quite sick from lung trouble at her home near the flouring mill, in the northern part of town.

Nearly every person you meet is making preparations to attend the Spangier reunion at Hillsboro next Saturday, the 21st inst.

W. H. Farnum, M. A. Farnum, and D. M. Farnum, three brothers, left here last Tuesday morning for Hastings, Nebraska, to engage in farming.

The ladies of the M. E. Church are preparing to give an ice cream and cake festival in the parsonage yard on Tuesday evening, August 18th.

Every body who comes to the festival will be well supplied with the heaviest crop of vegetables of all kinds this year, that they have raised for many years past. Some tomatoes have been sold that weighed a fraction over two pounds.

Mr. Frank Johnson, who has been located at Macon, Illinois, for about two years past, arrived home last Wednesday to stay, perfectly satisfied that Ohio is just as good to live in as any western State.

The residence of Mr. Harve Smith, a one story frame about three and a half miles north of town, near the Martinsburg pike, was destroyed with a large portion of its contents, by fire last Monday evening about sundown.

James Cribbins, who went to Tennessee last spring to try his luck away from home, and upon returning sold, returned a few days ago some what reduced in flesh and rather well pleased that there was enough left of him to be recognized by his old friends at home.

Mr. John H. Rodgers, who has for some years past resided in Nebraska, has been spending a few weeks here, visiting his old home, and has worked up quite an excursion from this section to Nebraska, some going only as far as the Ohio river, others to the west.

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